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## SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT WEEKLY ARBOVIRUS UPDATE

**Clark County, NV.** – In an effort to keep Clark County residents and visitors safe and aware about the status of the arboviruses currently affecting the area, the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) will issue an arbovirus update weekly.

The Southern Nevada Health District conducts routine surveillance for arboviruses in mosquitoes and arboviral disease in humans. SNHD's Vector Control program monitors the local mosquito population for arboviruses such as West Nile Virus (WNV), St. Louis Encephalitis Virus (SLEV), and Western Equine Encephalitis Virus (WEEV). In addition to monitoring mosquitoes for arboviruses, they also provide information on the type of mosquitoes present in the area. This information is important, especially when faced with emerging diseases like Zika.

Arboviral diseases in humans are reportable to SNHD's Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance (OEDS). Currently, WNV and SLEV are the only locally acquired arboviral diseases that we've seen. The OEDS sporadically investigates travel associated cases of Dengue, Chikungunya, and beginning in 2016, Zika virus.

### ZIKA VIRUS UPDATE

To date in 2017, SNHD has tested 76 people for the Zika virus. In 2016, SNHD tested 156 people. The first travel related case of Zika was identified in an adult female who traveled to Bolivia and Argentina.

Infection Type	Case Count	
	2016	2017
Travel-Related Infections of Zika	21	2
Non-Travel Related Infections of Zika	1	0

CDC recommends that women who are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant postpone travel to areas with local Zika transmission. If you are pregnant and must travel or if you live or work in the impacted area, protect yourself from mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent, long clothing and limiting your time outdoors.

According to CDC guidance, providers should consider testing all pregnant women with a history of travel to a Zika affected area for the virus. CDC recommends that a pregnant woman with a history of Zika virus and her provider should consider additional ultrasounds.

Pregnant women can contact SNHD for Zika risk assessment and testing hours and information. A Zika risk assessment will be conducted by OEDS staff and blood and/or urine samples may be collected and sent to labs for testing. It may take one to two weeks to receive results. For resources and information on Zika virus, click [here](#).

**ACTIVE WNV or SLEV INVESTIGATIONS**

The OEDS currently has no active WNV investigations.

Reported Cases	Date of Onset	Commercial Lab Positive	Type of Disease	PRNT Results
1	3/1/17	WNV IgM – serum	Neuroinvasive	Positive

**MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE**

In addition to the routine mosquito surveillance, SNHD continued its focused surveillance for *Aedes aegypti*. Staff set 30 additional traps around the index community and identified one additional *Ae. aegypti* in a community outside of the index area. Surveillance during the coming week will focus in this new community. The home, and adjacent homes, were surveyed for breeding sources and treated with a handheld ULV adulticided fog. Educational door hangers have been placed in the area. Surveillance is ongoing.

**MOSQUITO SAMPLING 2017**

Total Mosquitoes Submitted	Total Pools Submitted	Total <b>SLEV +</b> Pooled Submissions	Total <b>SLEV +</b> Mosquitoes in Pooled Samples	Zip Codes identified with <b>SLEV</b>
25,370	942	1	50	1

Total Mosquitoes Submitted	Total Pools Submitted	Total <b>WNV +</b> Pooled Submissions	Total <b>WNV +</b> Mosquitoes in Pooled Samples	Zip Codes identified with <b>WNV</b>
25,370	942	3	136	3

SNHD urges residents to drain standing water weekly, no matter how seemingly small. Residents and visitors should use repellents when enjoying the outdoors. Residents are also encouraged to report mosquito activity, especially day biting mosquitoes to the Vector Surveillance Program at 702-759-1633.